

## Interview Summary

Application No.

09/811,421

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Joseph C. Merek

Art Unit

3727

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Joseph C. Merek.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Donald R. Studebaker.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 26 February 2003.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 8.

Identification of prior art discussed: Rahn, Yates, Jr, Norris.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: It was suggested that the independent claims be amended to include the limitation that the cutouts are in the transition wall in combination to the suggested addition by Mr. Studebaker that a circumferential seal being disposed between the cutouts and the closure surface. The examiner suggested that the closure surface of the instant invention extends from the lowest point of the inner seal.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required